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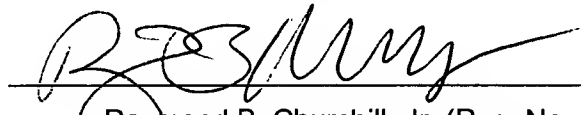
**REMARKS**

Reconsideration in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's conclusions concerning claims 8 and 9. Nevertheless, for purposes of expediting the application process, Applicant has cancelled these claims without prejudice for prosecution in a continuation application. Furthermore, Applicant has submitted a Terminal Disclaimer for claims 10 and 11 as no rejection other than an obvious type double patenting rejection has been made. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to expedite allowance of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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